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Wabash County 4-H Fair schedule

■ Wednesday, July 15: 1 p.m. – Dairy Show.
■ Thursday, July 16: 10 a.m. Swine Show, beginning with showmanship.
■ Saturday, July 18: 1 p.m. – Champion pictures; and 2:30 p.m. – Senior sweatshirt, Achievement and Parade of Champions.

Second Harvest plans tailgates at Northfield

The tailgates are planned for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, July 15, 22 and 29 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North. No IDs, proof of address or need will be required, and all will be welcome. Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org.

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Peabody reports COVID-19 death

The state now reports three total local deaths, 120 cases and 2,578 tests

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Sunday, Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester “with sadness” reported their first death among a resident from COVID-19, according to Rod Craft, executive director.

Also on Sunday, Keith Walters, Wabash County Emergency Management Agency director, said he had

not yet been informed of the death.

“Due to federal and state healthcare privacy laws, we are unable to provide any additional details. This resident was not included in the state’s recent count because that information is only updated during the week,” said Craft.

Peabody’s response

Craft said on Tuesday, June 16 they had completed the state-mandated employee testing for COVID-19.

Craft said they tested a total of 296 employees and had had three of those who tested positive.

“Out of an abundance of

caution and with direction from the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Strike Team, Peabody decided to retest 41 residents that were living in areas where employees who tested positive had worked,” said Craft.

Craft said the testing was completed Thursday, June 25.

On Saturday, June 27, one resident had a positive test result for COVID-19.

“The impacted resident was moved to our dedicated, isolated, and contained unit for safe treatment,” said Craft.

Craft said as of their last ISDH daily update Friday,

July 10, there were a total of eight residents and 64 employees who have tested positive for COVID-19.

“Peabody Retirement Community is following guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the ISDH and the Wabash County Health Department. We will continue to implement new and adapt current protocols to mitigate the risk COVID-19 presents to our community,” said Craft. Craft said some examples include:

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First year for carnival company at the Wabash County 4-H Fair



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Tim Bohlander, of Poor Jack Amusements, prepares for the day Tuesday.

Poor Jack Amusements, based in Milton, presenting rides, food, games

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

It was late Tuesday morning at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, and Tim Bohlander, of Poor Jack Amusements, was sitting in their air-conditioned trailer on the phone, preparing for the day.

This is the first year Poor Jack Amusements, based in Milton, has been hired as the contractor for the Wabash County 4-H Fair.

The carnival rides will be available through the rest of the week from 5 to 11 p.m. daily, with wristbands available for \$18 each. Individual ticket prices will be available at the ticket booth.

That is, except on Wednesday when special rates will

apply from 1 to 5 p.m. Kid-die Bands will be available for 1- to 5-year-olds that day only for \$13. The carnival will then be closed from 5 to 6 p.m. before reopening from 6 to 11 p.m.

Also inside the trailer was Brandon Nieukirk, who oversees some of the daily activities Poor Jack Amusements. He said the first day of operation featuring “thirteen spectacular rides, food and games” went smoothly.

“It is just getting started. We had one good day. The weather is looking nice,” said Nieukirk.

Regarding the pandemic, Nieukirk said “the COVID has taken its toll on everything.”

“It’s changed our normal procedures. We have more sanitizing stations out there. We have a sanitizing program for the rides. And naturally just precautions for the employees and for the people that come,” said Nieukirk.



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

On Wednesday, special rates will apply from 1 to 5 p.m. Kiddie Bands will be available for 1- to 5-year-olds that day only for \$13. The carnival will then be closed from 5 to 6 p.m. before reopening from 6 to 11 p.m.

Nieukirk said they were supposed to open their season April 10, but a string of cancellations meant they had to sit idle for three whole months during what would normally be their busiest season.

Nieukirk said they were able to take advantage of

some of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds offered by the Small Business Administration.

“We did pursue some of that assistance. That has helped as far as keeping employees. Obviously, that doesn’t make

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Homeschooling cooperative plans open house

Interested parents and students encouraged to attend Thursday, July 23

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

If you’re a parent interested in homeschooling your children, the North Manchester Co-op, a homeschooling cooperative, has planned an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23 at Sweet-water Assembly of God, 2551 Indiana 114, North Manchester, according to one of the group’s co-founders, Hayley Hand, of Silver Lake.

At 7 p.m. there will be an

instructional discussion and a time for questions and answers.

“The co-op is a group of families coming together to support each other and to provide academic resources for the education of their children,” said Hand.

Hand students from kindergarten to 10th grade may be eligible to participate and do not need to be from North Manchester to attend.

“Families choosing to or considering homeschooling for the 2020-2021 school year are invited to learn more about the co-op and what it has to offer, such as cost, curriculum and materials and applicable grade levels,” said Hand.

Hand said with the



Provided photo by Jessica Miller

Students participate in class at the co-op, as shown here in this photo from this past winter.

disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, “many parents come to us feeling overwhelmed about homeschooling.”

“They’re not sure what curriculum to use, they doubt

their ability and they want to figure out what is best for their children. As a co-op, we aim to support families through their homeschool

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Second Harvest receives relief funds

Charitable foundation awarded funds to 14 nonprofits

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Indiana American Water and the American Water Charitable Foundation are together providing \$25,000 in relief funds to nonprofit organizations across the state as part of the Foundation’s COVID-19 Response Fund, according to Joe Loughmiller, external affairs manager for Indiana American Water.

“Funds will be used by no-profit organizations to provide meals and stock local food pantries, purchase face masks and other safety supplies and to provide financial and other social services to impacted residents,” said Loughmiller.

The funds are being allocated to 14 non-profit organizations in communities served by Indiana American Water across the state, including Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central, which received \$1,400 “to address food insecurity.”

“Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has had many new families

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COVID-19 concerns move NMCH programs online

‘Farming in the Early Days of Wabash County’ presentation available virtually

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Concerns over COVID-19 have caused the North Manchester Center for History (NMCH), 122 East Main St., North Manchester to move its programming online for the time being, according to Laura Rager, director.

“The fact that we did our May and June meetings virtually was a result of the pandemic,” said Rager.

Rager said given the “grave concerns” about large groups of people attending events indoors, they didn’t view in-person events as a safe option.

Rager said until mid-June we were not allowed to gather in groups large enough to accommodate their programs., which average 75-plus people.

Rager said another obstacle was that their monthly programs are usually hosted by Timbercrest Senior Living Community.

“We have used that venue for quite a several years. Obviously, with the current situation we can not risk the health of their residents by bringing in outside visitors therefore, we will wait until their management feels it is safe for us to return,” said Rager.

Earlier this month, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb announced the state would modify the Back On Track Indiana plan through at least July 17, according to Rachel Hoffmeyer, press secretary. While a few restrictions were lifted on

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■ Enhanced infection control precautions.

■ Screening residents, staff, and essential visitors for an expanded list of symptoms.

■ Restricting visitation and entry of people to the building.

■ Continuous testing of staff and residents for COVID-19 as appropriate or necessary, based on current protocols and availability of tests.

■ Postponing communal activities.

“As always, we continue to share any new positive cases with our residents, families, employees and appropriate county health officials,” said Craft.

Total figures

On Saturday, the ISDH

added another local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 116, with 2,513 tests.

On Sunday, the ISDH’s local case count remained the same, but they added another Wabash County death bringing the total to three, with 2,531 tests.

On Monday, the ISDH added three local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 119, with 2,561 tests.

On Tuesday, the ISDH added another local positive case, bringing Wabash County’s total to 120, with 2,578 tests.

Statewide on Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 662 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 52,685 the total number of Indiana

residents known to have the novel coronavirus, according to Megan Wade-Taxter, media relations coordinator.

The intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Tuesday, nearly 38 percent of ICU beds and more than 84 percent of ventilators are available.

A total of 2,582 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 13 over the previous day. Another 193 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 578,409 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 570,409 on Monday.

To find testing locations around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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July 4 in version 4.5 of the plan, most stayed in place.

Rager said Holcomb’s decision to pause with re-opening “has undoubtedly extended the period that we must continue to host our programs remotely.”

“We are happy to do so, however, because the safety and well-being of our membership and the residents of Timbercrest far outweighs our need to meet in person,” said Rager. “Although the Center for History re-opened on June 14, we still find ourselves in a position of not being able to gather together for our regular monthly programs. As a cautionary measure, we are presenting our July program virtually.”

Rager said this program has been created and presented by Dr. Fred Whitford, a clinical engagement professor at Purdue University.

“Whitford has authored more than 300 publications and become a popular speaker with more than 5,800 presentations given throughout Indiana and the United States,” said Rager.

Whitford’s works include “The Queen of American Agriculture: A Biography of Virginia Claypool Meredith,” “Memories of Life on the Farm: Through the Lens of Pioneer Photographer J. C. Allen” and “For the Good of the Farmer: A Biography of John Harrison Skinner, Dean of Purdue Agriculture.”

Whitford has received numerous awards, including the Frederick L. Hovde Award of Excellence in Educational Service to Rural People of Indiana, Excellence in Extension Award from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and Honorary Master Farmer by Indiana Prairie Farmer and the Purdue University College of Agriculture.

To watch the July program, “Farming in the Early Days of Wabash County,” presented by Whitford, visit <https://youtu.be/5fAdat2xqN4>.

“The Board of Directors of the NM Historical Society will continue to monitor and evaluate the possibility of hosting our normal monthly programs,” said Rager.

In August the NMCH will again be having a virtual program on the life of Ernie Pyle – presented by Ray Boomhower, a senior editor at Indi-



Dr. Fred Whitford is a clinical engagement professor at Purdue University.

ana Historical Society Press.

Rager said “Crossroads: Change in Rural America,” our visiting exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute, will close Friday, July 17.

“If you have not visited already, please make sure that you don’t miss the opportunity to experience this amazing display,” said Rager.

The NMCH is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, visit www.northmanchestercenterforhistory.org.

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5-Day Weather Summary

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Showers Likely	Isolated T-storms	Isolated T-storms	Partly Cloudy
86 / 71	84 / 67	86 / 73	89 / 76	91 / 78

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:18 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:30 a.m.

New	First	Full	Last
7/20	7/27	8/3	8/11

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 86°, humidity of 53%. South southeast wind 6 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 75% chance of showers, overnight low of 71°. South wind 3 to 9 mph.

Loneliness linked to a number of diseases and conditions

DEAR DOCTOR: I live alone, and stay-at-home orders have been hard. I’ve heard people say that being lonely is really bad for your health, and now I believe them. What problems can it cause? Also, I’m going to start seeing friends and family again. What can we do to stay safe?

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



D E A R R E A D E R : While it’s easy to understand the link between loneliness and depression, anxiety and other psychological ills, the connection to physical effects on the human body can seem like a bit of a stretch. However, ongoing research has shown that loneliness, as well as the social isolation we have all been asked to practice for several months now, do, indeed, take a physical toll.

Individuals who experience chronic loneliness have been found to be more vulnerable to a number of diseases and conditions than are people who enjoy strong emotional connections. These include an increased risk of developing heart disease, metastatic cancers and having a stroke. Older adults who are socially isolated are also more likely to become cognitively impaired or to develop dementia, including Alzheimer’s disease. Researchers have even tied loneliness to an increased risk of premature death. Adults in midlife who are chronically lonely are 25 percent more likely to die prematurely. Older adults, whose social connections have shrunk due to factors such as retirement, have double the risk of premature death as those who are socially connected.

You’re not alone in being determined to rekindle your social contacts. We’ve all seen an increase in the number of people returning to a semblance of normal life. The challenge is that each and every contact with someone outside of your quarantine circle becomes a calculated risk. This is because of the highly transmissible nature of the novel coronavirus and the existence of asymptomatic carriers, who can unknowingly pass along the virus. Still, several months into the pandemic, the medi-

cal community has gained a clearer understanding of mitigation measures. As a result, the focus has begun to shift from strict quarantine behavior to risk management and mitigation.

Before we go any further, we have to repeat that any contact with people outside your quarantine circle puts you at risk of infection. The best way to lessen that risk is to stick to small gatherings that are held only outside – never indoors. And it’s crucial to maintain the social distancing guidelines we are all now familiar with. That means tables or chairs or picnic blankets spaced at least 6 feet apart. No handshakes or hugging, no matter how tempting it may be. Everything about the gathering should be BYO – bring your own. That includes food, drink, condiments, disposable plates, cups and utensils,

and a large garbage bin for safe disposal. Wear masks except while eating or drinking. No sharing of food or drink or condiments. If things get lax and you become uncomfortable, make a polite excuse and leave. This is all a far cry from the way we visited with each other in the pre-COVID-19 world, but the potential consequences of skipping or relaxing even one of these steps are too grave.

Eve Glazier, M.D., MBA, is an internist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Elizabeth Ko, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at UCLA Health. Send your questions to askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o UCLA Health Sciences Media Relations, 10880 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1450, Los Angeles, CA, 90024. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.



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Cash 5
03-04-09-40-41
Estimated jackpot: \$171,000

Cash4Life
11-12-33-36-49, Cash Ball: 4
Daily Three-Midday
5-6-1, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
4-2-7, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
1-4-9-1, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
4-9-8-9, SB: 5

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$91 million

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$87 million

TUESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum
Copper
Lead
Zinc
Gold
Silver
Platinum

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices
Tuesday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.33.
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Leslie Barker

Aug 4, 1955 – July 10, 2020



Leslie Barker, 64, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:45 am, Friday, July 10, 2020 at her home. She was born August 4, 1955 in Marion, Indiana to Glen and Bettie (Boles) Atkinson.

Leslie was a 1973 graduate of Wabash High School. She worked at North Central Respiratory in Wabash, retiring after 10 years. She enjoyed playing pool, and was a member of the American Pool Association. She also enjoyed flower gardening, making floral arrangements, and sitting on the porch watching the rain.

She is survived by her son, Sherman Barker of Wabash, grandson, Shaden Barker of Constantine, Michigan, fa-

ther, Glen Atkinson of North Manchester, brother and sisters, Greg (Mary) Atkinson of Safety Harbor, Florida, Tracy (David) Westervelt of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Anna Nichols of Paw Paw, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her mother, son, Coleman Barker, and brother, Chris Atkinson.

Memorial services will be 10:00 am Friday, July 17, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Westervelt officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service Friday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Leslie may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com

Jack L. West

April 10, 1931 – July 11, 2020

Jack L. West, 89, Plymouth, formerly of Wabash, died July 11, 2020. Born April 10, 1931 in North Manchester, Jack was the son of Harry Oren “Jack” and Helen F. (Hare) West.

Jack is survived by wife, Ruth West; step-son, Roger (Lisa) Sill; step-daughters, Karen (Jeffery) Worsham, Rosanne Griggs, Rachel (Richard) Litchfield; bro-

ther, Jim (Carol) West; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, beginning at 11:00 a.m. with no calling prior. Burial will be held at Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley Street, North Manchester.

Bill M. Clark

June 1, 1941 – July 10, 2020

Bill M. Clark, 79 of Andrews passed away Friday morning July 10, 2020.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN. We will be following the CDC’s guidelines for Social Distancing

and Social Gathering Limits.

Visitation will take place on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel. There will also be one hour of visitation prior to the services on Thursday.

Interment will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Andrews.

Catherine Gatzimos

Funeral Services for Catherine Gatzimos, 96, of rural Wabash, were 11:00 am, Saturday, July 11, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. David Phillips officiated and Susan Vanlandingham was the

Musician. Memories shared by the family. Burial was in Hopewell Cemetery, Lagro. Pallbearers were Bill Gatzimos, Alex Gatzimos, Derek Franke, Christos Gatzimos, Elijah Gatzimos, and Dimitri Giavis

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up for revenue for a whole season,” said Nieukirk.

Nieukirk said up until this point, their employees have been able to stay healthy.

“We haven’t had any sick-

nesses or illnesses. Obviously, that would affect everything,” said Nieukirk.

Nieukirk said they found the Wabash County community inviting.

“The community seems pretty excited about having us. We bring a good variety, a couple of kids rides and adult

rides,” said Nieukirk.

Nieukirk said after the Wabash County 4-H Fair concludes this weekend, they don’t have anything else scheduled for another two weeks. They will pick up a string of dates in Ohio after that, starting with the Auglaize County Fair.

Nieukirk said after their regular season concludes, there will still be more work to do.

“We have a shop and we repaint the rides. Mostly just our equipment. A little bit of other people’s,” said Nieukirk.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplainedealer.com.

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North Manchester Center for History open once again

The North Manchester Center for History has reopened once again and has been selected by Indiana Humanities to host a Smithsonian-curated traveling exhibit called “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” as part of the Museum on Main Street program. The exhibition, which examines the evolving landscape of rural America, is on display through Friday, July 17 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. For more information, visit <https://museumonmainstreet.org/content/crossroads> or <https://northmanchester-centerforhistory.org>.

Christmas in July to be held at Salamonie Lake

Celebrate Christmas in July and Smokey Bear’s Birthday on Saturday, July 18 at Salamonie Lake’s Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 9214 W. Lost Bridge West,

Andrews. The event begins from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. with campsite decorating sign-up and a pancake breakfast with Friends of Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. Donations will be accepted. Corn hole registration will be at 2 p.m. The corn hole tournament will last from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. There will be a youth archery shoot from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Bike decorating will begin at 6:15 p.m. Shelter decorating will also begin 6:15 p.m. There will be a Smokey Bear parade at 6:45 p.m. The campground roads will be closed from 6:45 to 7:10 p.m. There will be a Smokey Bear party at 7 p.m. Campsite decorating judging begins at 8:30 p.m. On Sunday, July 19, the campsite decorating awards will begin at 9:30 a.m. Property entrance fees will apply. The cost will be \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. For information, call 260-468-2127 or visit www.camp.IN.gov or dnr.IN.gov.

Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School plans graduation

Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School will plan to hold a

graduation ceremony on the evening of Friday, July 17.

Watershed Soundscape workshop to be held at Mississinewa Lake

Join Kay Westhues for an evening “Listening to our Watershed Soundscape” workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18 at Mississinewa Lake. The free program begins with DNR’s interpretive naturalist Cassie Kennedy’s Sound Bites at 7 p.m. where participants will hear and learn about nature’s sounds. The workshop continues at 8 p.m. with Kay Westhues for an evening stroll and soundwalk at Mississinewa Lake’s Miami State Recreation Area. Children under age 12 should be accompanied by an adult. The class size is limited. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127. All supplies will be provided by the artist. Property entrance fees will apply. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov.

Northfield, Southfield commencement ceremonies set

Northfield Jr./Sr. High

School’s graduation date has been set for 2 p.m. Sunday, July 19 in the gymnasium, 154 W. 200 North, and graduation practice for seniors has been set for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18 at NHS. Commencement at Southwood High School will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 19 at Southwood’s main gymnasium, 564 Indiana 124.

North Manchester Rotary grills up chicken July 18

The third annual North Manchester Rotary Grilled Chicken BBQ is set to last from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, in the parking lot in front of New Market, 1204 E. Indiana 114, North Manchester. A meal is two pieces of chicken, chips and a drink for \$7. A small meal is one piece of chicken, chips and a drink for \$5. It is drive-thru pickup only. Volunteers will wear masks and gloves. All proceeds from the event go to local organizations and causes. For more information, visit <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/4154/>.

OPEN HOUSE

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journey. Many of us on the leadership team of the co-op have had these same feelings of being overwhelmed. We want to encourage families that they can their child or children if this is where they feel led,” said Hand.

Hand said the most common misconception they encounter is that “people often think homeschoolers are socially awkward.”

“All children, whether homeschooled or not, can have issues socially. I feel that most homeschooled

children behave better, learn how to communicate with adults and their peers, have the ability to complete tasks independently and the sense of responsibility to do so,” said Hand.

Hand said families do not have to be religious to join the co-op, “however the co-op is faith-based.”

“Our science and history curriculum does come from a Christian perspective. We do require co-op families to sign paperwork agreeing to abide by the behaviors and expectations set forth,” said Hand.

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FUNDS

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that are experiencing food insecurity due to the loss of employment, health concerns and extra care for their children while schools have been dismissed during the COVID-19 public health emergency. They have added additional tailgate food distributions to the normal ones that would have occurred during this time. Their tailgate program acts as a mobile food pantry for residents of the eight-county area they serve,” said Loughmiller.

Increased need

According to figures provided by Robby Tompkins, director of philanthropy for the Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana, from March to June 2019, they distributed 2,395,922 meals, and from March to June 2020, they distributed 4,021,167 meals.

“We are committed to providing help for today and hope for tomorrow through our eight-county service area of Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison, Randolph, and Wabash counties. We are meeting the need created by COVID-19 by increasing the amount of food and distributions we are providing,” said Tompkins.

During the same period in 2019, 49,080 people were served, and during the same period this year, 210,250 people were served.

“Increasing the frequency of our tailgates allows us to reach 414 percent more people than last year,” said Tompkins.

As a part of that effort, Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned a series of tailgate food distributions for the remaining Wednesdays in July, but the location will be a new one. The tailgates are planned for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, July 15, 22 and 29 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North. Tompkins said no IDs, proof of address or need will be required, and all will be welcome.

“Distribution is while supplies last. We are requesting that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone,” said Tompkins. “If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts.”

For more information, visit www.CureHunger.org.

Other funds

Loughmiller said in addition to the grants provided as part of the COVID-19 Response Fund, the American Water Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization funded by American Water, also

contributed \$100,000 in March to Feeding America, the nation’s largest domestic hunger-relief organization.

“Since 2012, the American Water Charitable Foundation has invested more than \$5.5 million in programs and organizations that are important to American Water employees and the communities it serves,” said Loughmiller.

In addition to Second Harvest, the following organizations received a grant from the AWCFCOVID-19 Response Fund:

- \$5,000 to Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana, providing meals to homebound, medically fragile, high-COVID-risk seniors, and people with disabilities in five north-west Indiana counties.
- \$3,100 to OSI Foundation, for a Community and Cultural Relief Loan Program in southern Indiana.
- \$3,100 to United Way of Johnson County, to help families and individuals affected by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- \$2,100 to Jackson County United Way, to assist partner organizations providing childcare, food, housing and utility assistance.
- \$1,800 to Terre Haute Humane Society, to help with operational expenses during a time when revenues and donations are down.
- \$1,500 to Food Finders Food Bank, to meet additional demands in 16 counties in north-central Indiana.
- \$1,000 to Bona Vista Programs, to purchase technology used by therapists as part of the organization’s Positive Results for Kids program.
- \$1,000 to Kokomo Humane Society, to provide financial assistance and an adoption discount to encourage families to foster animals.
- \$1,000 to Mental Health America of North Central Indiana, to provide mental health programs and services to meet increasing demands.
- \$1,000 to Riverview Health Foundation, to purchase COVID-19 related supplies and protective equipment for staff and first responders.
- \$1,000 to Third Phase, Inc., to help with operating expenses for this organization providing social services in the Noblesville area.
- \$1,000 to Randolph County Community Foundation, for its Pandemic Relief Fund to help area non-profit organizations.
- \$1,000 to Family Service Association of Howard County, to purchase technology, personal protective equipment and supplies related to providing essential social services.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Trump's taxes? A little less shrouded

To answer your first question: No, you're not much more likely now than you were last week to see President Donald Trump's tax returns before the election. Not unless he releases them, as other presidents and candidates have done, as his opponent has done and as he himself once promised to do.

To answer your second question: No, the U.S. Supreme Court, with a conservative majority that includes two Trump-appointed justices, didn't just bend to the president's will. In two rulings issued Thursday – the last ones of the 2019-20 term – the court agreed that a New York prosecutor may see Trump's returns and that Congress may seek a president's financial records within limits. The vote count in both case was 7-2, with Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh joining the majorities and Chief Justice John Roberts writing the opinions. One case was decided on precedent; the other, as Roberts noted, lacked it, so he laid out guidelines for the lower courts to consider.

The reason voters won't see Trump's financial information forthwith is that both cases are still churning within the legal system.

In Trump v. Vance, the office of the Manhattan district attorney had sought eight years of business and personal tax records from Trump's accounting firm as part of an investigation of hush-money payments preceding the 2016 election. The case is before a grand jury, which confers – as grand juries do – in secret and will not

necessarily share information publicly before November, if at all. Trump also can raise further objections in district court.

For the chapter of the story now resolved, however, Trump had argued that a president is immune to state criminal processes under Article II of the Constitution, which defines the role of the executive branch, and by the Supremacy Clause, which gives priority to federal laws. He had added that a subpoena, anyway, is a distraction from his duties and an invitation to political harassment. The U.S. solicitor general also had argued that if a president is involved, there should at least be a heightened standard.

Citing two centuries of precedent in cases touching on presidents ranging from Jefferson to Nixon to Clinton, Roberts rejected those claims. He wrote that the court was reaffirming that "no citizen, not even the President, is categorically above the common duty to produce evidence when called upon in a criminal proceeding."

Good to know. Trump's accounting firm also found itself caught up in the second case, Trump v. Mazars. Here, it was Congress that wanted records – from Mazars and Deutsche Bank, asserting that having them would "help guide legislative reform in areas ranging from money laundering and terrorism to foreign involvement in U.S. elections." The president thought the three House committees, with their four subpoenas, just wanted to harass him. That's a shabby assessment given the layers of suspicion he generates,

though it's fair to say that the Democratic majority in the House would be pleased to find actionable information.

The court, for its part, was interested in whether a subpoena for a president's personal information goes beyond congressional authority. In more than 200 years of jurisprudence, it had never been called upon to address that specific question.

Roberts and the majority weren't persuaded by the president's arguments, but neither were they convinced that Congress had adequately considered the separation of powers in this case. Because of the lack of precedent, Roberts presented four guidelines for courts to use in parsing such circumstances, with the intent of keeping disputes as narrow as possible.

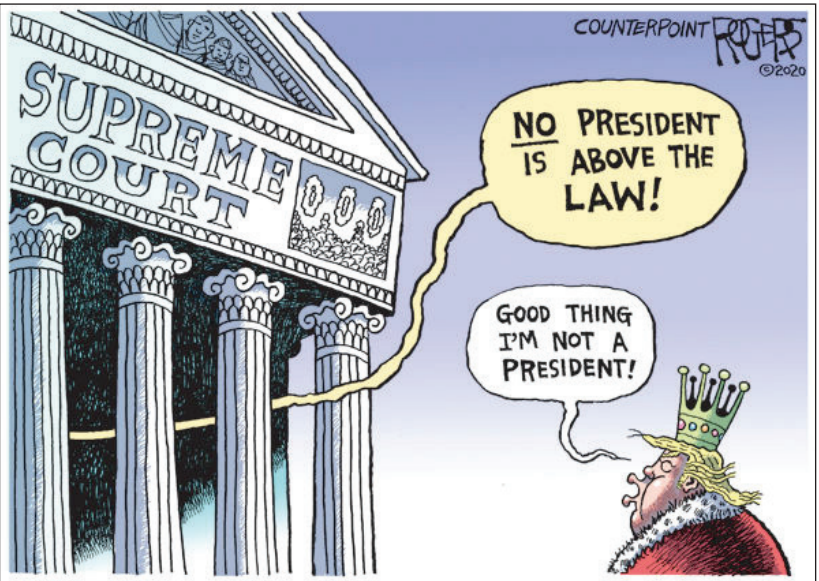
In the end, with the term's marquee cases decided, what do we have – we citizens of the United States – besides an election in four months?

We have a legislative branch that has been frustrated in its attempts to investigate this president as expediently as it wishes, but that has not necessarily been stifled in its scrutiny of any president.

We have a judicial branch guided by a chief justice who, even in these big cases, has successfully promoted a philosophy of minimalism.

And we have an executive who continues to believe that the nation's affairs are no bigger than his own. After Thursday's rulings came down, he tweeted – well, you know him. You can imagine what he tweeted.

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Stay away from South Carolina

At times like this, I'm tempted to dig out my father's doormat, which bore the words: "Go away." A dedicated misanthrope, he at least maintained a sense of humor.

Today, as South Carolina's COVID-19 infection rate skyrockets, there's not much to chuckle about. As of Friday, more than 75 percent of hospital beds were filled and one coastal hospital was seeking staffing help from the National Guard.

How did we get so sick so fast? In a word, tourism, especially in Charleston, erstwhile "Best City" in America, and north along the coast to Myrtle Beach – now among the unsafest places in the United States and, therefore, the world.

There, you'll see very few people wearing masks, and social distancing is a joke.

Republican Gov. Henry McMaster, though he has urged citizens to wear masks in public, as he does, has stopped short of making them mandatory. As he has said, how could the state possibly enforce such a mandate?

Stubbornness and rebelliousness come naturally to my fellow natives, a large percentage of whom rely on tourism to pay the bills. But summertime has brought fresh challenges along with rotating crops of close-contact human bodies. A quick survey of license plates along the Grand Strand is testament to the state's appeal to vacationers.

Still, out-of-staters don't get all the blame. Locals are guilty of not taking the virus seriously enough in part because for a long while they seemed

immune from the terrible outbreaks elsewhere. For several months, Georgetown County, where I've been hiding out since February, had just a handful of COVID cases and only the occasional death. Graduation, beach-week parties and Memorial Day weekend changed all that. Today, this county has an estimated 724 cases, while bordering Horry County, home to Myrtle Beach, has more than 5,200, with numbers increasing exponentially by the day.

South Carolina now has more cases per capita than most countries, and no one thinks things will get better any time soon. Some Northern states, including New York, have imposed a two-week quarantine for visitors returning from South Carolina. And we're just getting rolling.

Over the July 4 weekend, around 4,000 boaters from 11 states convened on Lake Murray, due west of Columbia, for a pro-Trump boat-parade. And next week comes the annual windfall event – Myrtle Beach Bike Week. Postponed in May because of the pandemic, nothing will stop these engine-revving parties now. Revelers are expected to fill Highway 17 as they gather for beach time, rallies and, reputedly, the best biker bars this side of the Mississippi. Wait until they get wind of the state's order Friday to shut down alcohol sales at 11 p.m.

What is one to make of such insanity? Well, tracks, for starters. My moving van is almost packed. But a smart leader might recognize what these various in-denial groups share – a lust for freedom and distrust of government – and forge an appeal to those instincts. As Bike Week founder Sonny Copeland recently told the Daily Beast, "We don't need the damn gov-

ernment to tell us what to do ... We're smart enough to know how to take care of ourselves, distance when we ride, and we have common sense ... We're not a bunch of teenagers who are going to hug and kiss on the beach. This is about riding motorcycles, being in the wind."

Well, OK, let's work with that. What's needed is an alternative narrative that makes sense to that rebel-biker spirit. By not following health guidelines, which makes tighter restrictions more likely, conservatives are actually threatening freedom and weakening the underlying structures of the free market. Masks are economic drivers.

As a Christian matter, disregarding guidelines is the opposite of professed care for the common good. And what of the Christian belief that the body is a temple in which his or her Holy Spirit lives? Not caring for the self and the common good, thus, can be seen as un-Christian.

A comparison could also be made to another shocking, illness-related period in our history, when then-U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, a man of deep Christian faith, scandalized conservatives as the AIDS crisis intensified by urging non-monogamous, sexually active men and women to use condoms for HIV prevention.

The conservative, Christian world nearly toppled from its axis.

Today, it's shocking that such a minimal instruction was controversial. And, some day, our inheritors likely will be agast that so many Americans refused to don a mask and social distance to protect themselves and others from a potentially life-threatening disease.

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Assault on prosperity continues

After facing three weeks of withering criticism about new visa restrictions, the Trump Administration took the opportunity this week to further damage the U.S. economy. This time, the damage may be far more immediate and widespread, affecting hundreds of American cities, more than a million foreign college students and millions of U.S. workers.

With every American college and university considering fully online courses this fall, the Trump Administration announced it would revoke the visa of any foreign student enrolled in a school that will be doing online-only classes. As best I can tell, well over 90 percent of U.S. college students will take one or more online courses this fall. Nearly every American university will be a hybrid of online and in-person classes.

Should the disease spread, as it is now doing across much of the nation, many schools will drop in-person classes. This puts more than a million foreign college students and their families at risk of deportation. Here's what that would do to the American economy.

Foreign college students are one of our largest export sectors. If this rule is actually enforced, even for a quarter of students, it would be the single worst loss of American exports since World War II. This policy will mean that, by Election Day, Mr. Trump will have worsened America's trade deficit more than any president in history.

The impact on the overall U.S. economy will be measurable, but with the economy already teetering on a depression, a few million more lost jobs will hardly be noticed. Where the pain of this decision will be most acutely felt is in college towns and in America's colleges and universities. Indiana is among the most at-risk states because we rank 10th nationally in foreign student enrollment.

This August, Indiana should have nearly 30,000 foreign students enrolling in our schools, spending more than a billion dollars in those communities. Part of our reliance on foreign students is due to the much-needed cash they bring our universities. Part is our state's excellent reputation internationally. Purdue is a global university, with a quarter of the student body from overseas. But, the reach is everywhere. In just the last decade, the modest research center where I work has employed students from every continent except Antarctica. I've even had Nobel Laureates write letters of recommendation for prospective students. This reflects the excellence of Indiana's universities.

Indiana's universities are global entities, which now face losing a significant share of their student enrollment if they choose to spend a semester online to reduce the spread of COVID-19. And, make no mistake, even if the rule is softened, or doesn't actually get implemented, the fear alone will do lasting damage. Foreign student enrollment is sure to collapse this fall, and we should expect significant fallout.

The loss of a billion dollars across five or six Indiana cities is a cruel blow to local economies already reeling from COVID-19. This will plunge West Lafayette, Bloomington, South Bend, Muncie and Terre Haute into depression-level decline for two to five years. The impact is not just on spending and tuition, but also on many other university activities. This will slash college bond ratings, making any new construction financially almost impossible.

The badness of this policy is even more apparent when evaluating why this is pursued. Ken Cuccinelli, the "temporary" director of citizenship services, plainly said that this policy is intended to force colleges and universities to re-open this fall in the face of COVID-19. Put more plainly, Mr. Trump is willing to do long-term damage to the American economy and risk more disease spread to force colleges and universities to open this fall. This is an amoral attempt to divert attention from his own clownish response to this pandemic.

Now, there may be readers who want universities to re-open this fall. I certainly do. But, do not confuse the desire for universities to re-open with a conservative or courageous temperament. It is neither.

If they value anything, conservatives respect the separation of power. Presidents do not have say in the opening of state or private universities. That at least is what conservatives before 2017 believed. I believe it still. A presidential effort to force opening decisions on universities and other local activities, like schools, is counter to every element of principled conservatism refined over the past two centuries. But, hypocrisy is not the worst character flaw revealed by this policy.

What I learned as a young man, and as an infantry officer in peace and war, is that courage is not defined as asking others to endure risks without benefit. Likewise, courage demands an equal share of risk. If you are unwilling to live in a college dorm this fall, asking others to do so to help save your flagging electoral prospects is not courage. It is raw cowardice.

Many might be inclined to care little about the fate of universities and foreign students. But, be assured those most harmed by this policy will not be liberal, tenured professors. This policy is aimed directly at middle-class jobs in college towns.

Viewed across the vast spectrum of Mr. Trump's presidency, this would seem like a modest tantrum, limited in scope and effect. But, this policy runs counter to the most fundamental philosophies of American conservatism. It is deeply hypocritical for conservatives to remain silent. I will not.

This policy is also cowardly, asking others to risk their health or education for short-term electoral sake. Mr. Cuccinelli and Mr. Trump would do well to note that courage is the first of all personal virtues, from which all others spring forth. This policy does have one deeply relevant value. As it is deeply hypocritical, serving only the cowardly aspirations of electoral success, it is perfectly representative of the Trump Presidency.

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Unhappy husband jumps from frying pan into fire

DEAR ABBY: I went through an ugly divorce. My second wife, “Marci,” is a liar, a cheat and a thief. She claims she’s religious, but she gambles. She opens bank accounts that I’m not aware of. She tries to justify what she has done, but she calls constantly if I leave the house. She claims she’s jealous. I think it’s more of a control issue, and I leave for peace of mind.

Recently, her relatives asked for a private meeting to discuss her behavior and shared what I feared. Afterward, I called her supposed ex-husband and he told me they are still married. When I asked Marci to show me her divorce papers, she refused. I have talked with my pastor and attorney. They said give her six weeks and then move on. What do you suggest? – Taken For A Fool In Alabama

DEAR TAKEN: Listen to these two unbiased advisers! Secure any property or information Marci might use to take further advantage of you, and take comfort in the fact that because you are not legally married, you are not responsible for any debts she has or will run up. Understand that Marci is a con artist, and please do exactly what your pastor and your attorney have instructed. If she keeps calling, block her or change your phone number. And if she stalks you – and she may – talk to the police.

DEAR ABBY: “Lila,” a friend from my high school days I hadn’t seen for years, called me out of the blue and said her mom wanted to see me again. Her mother and I had been friends for years. “Mom” was a special lady, and I always admired her, so I agreed.

When I arrived at the restaurant, I greeted them and we engaged in a little conversation. When I went to order, Lila pulled out a sales book she was selling items out of. Because I didn’t want to disappoint her mother, I looked at each item. The only thing I could afford was an umbrella for \$29. I already had a \$5 one at home (my budget).

Abby, I felt used and insulted. Lila’s only goal was selling me something – not reuniting me with her mother. Lila is better off financially than I am. She owns her own home and drives a brand-new SUV. My car was bought used for \$2,000.

How do I tolerate a person like her? She wants all she can get, even if it means using an old friend. By the way, she was decked out in her fashionable finest and ordered the cheapest thing on the menu. – Sad Friend On The East Coast

DEAR SAD FRIEND: You do not have to tolerate a person like Lila, and you should not feel pressured to buy something from anyone that you don’t want or need. If Lila calls again, inform her that you are not interested in anything she is selling and end the call.

DEAR ABBY: I’ve gotten into wearing swim trunks in the summer as normal attire. They’re good for the hot streets, and no one has said anything. I pair them with a white T-shirt or no shirt. I plan to do it again this summer. What do you think? – Cool Dude In Pennsylvania

DEAR DUDE: If you’re in great shape and the neighbors aren’t scandalized, then what I think doesn’t matter. (Swim) suit yourself.

I will, however, offer this: A wise woman once advised me to always look my best when I went out because invariably, if I didn’t, I’d encounter someone I wished I looked better for and regret that I hadn’t made more effort. And you know what? She was spot on.

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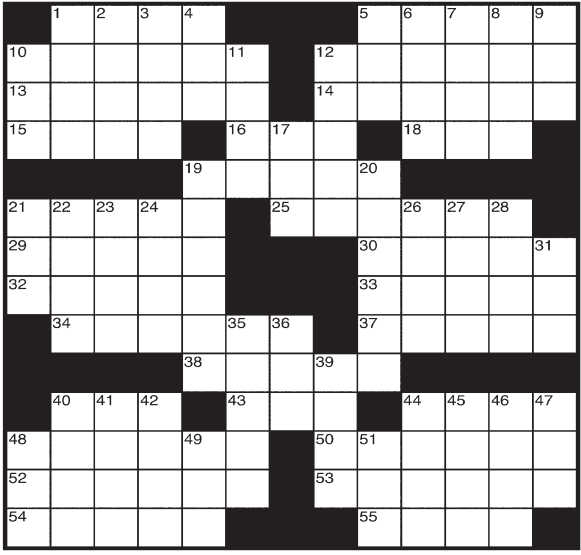
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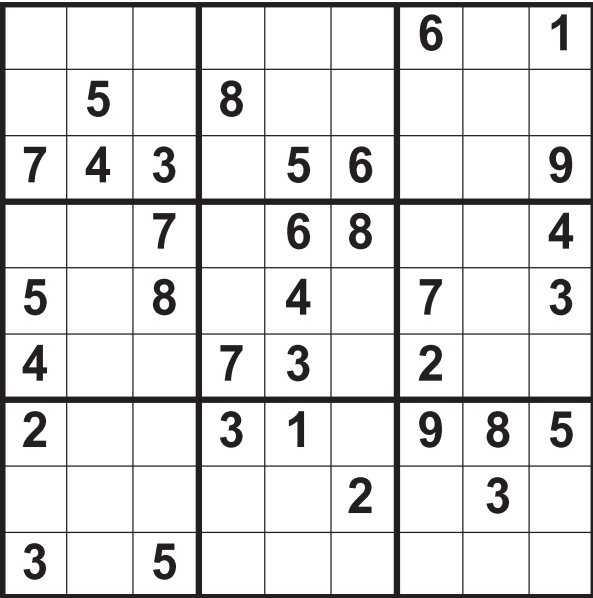
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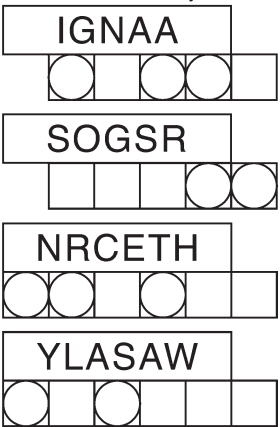
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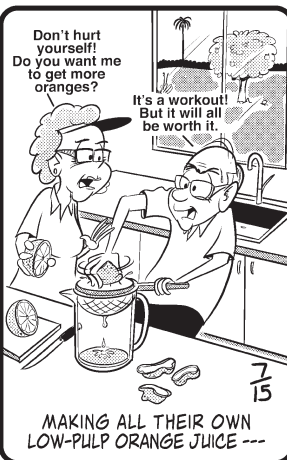
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Saturday’s Jumbles: COACH HOUSE STENCH FATTEN
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

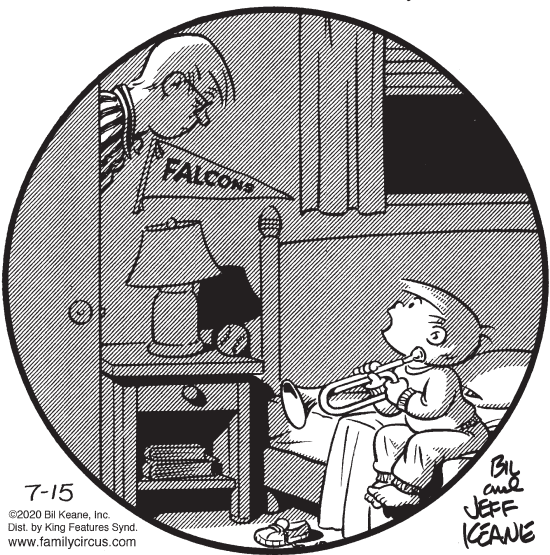


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(Answers tomorrow)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“But how can I get better if I don’t practice?”

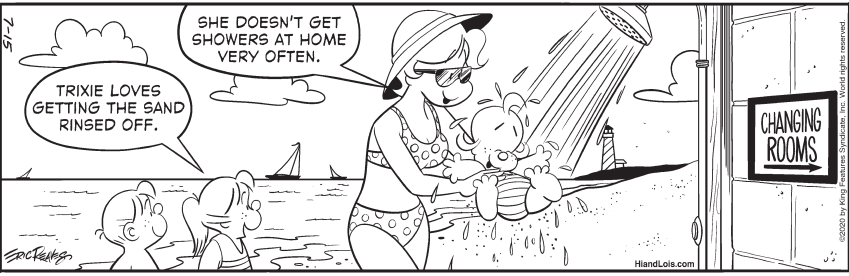
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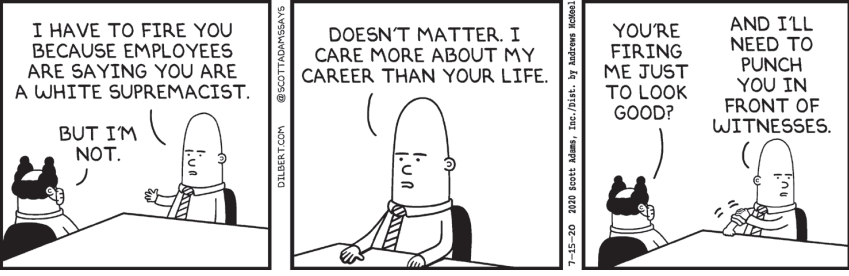
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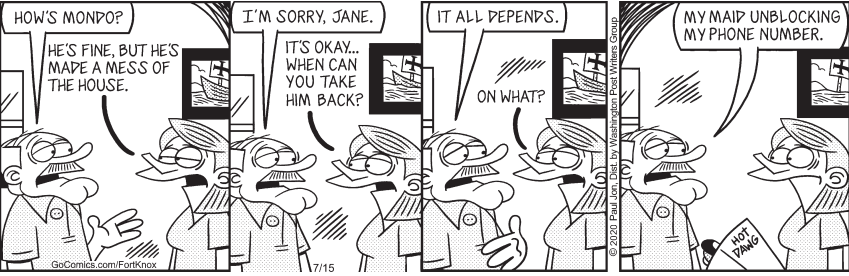
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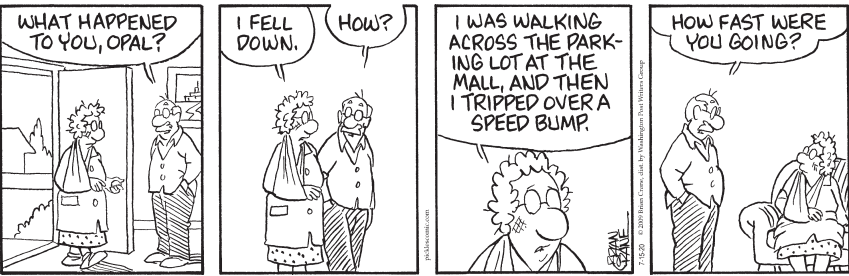
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Forgiveness obliterates the past and permits us to enter the land of new beginnings

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I’m never timid when it comes to sharing my opinions, but when it comes to speaking up for Jesus and taking my stand, fear brings me to my knees – and not to pray. Some tell me my cowardice is sin. Is it? – C.C.

A: The chairman of the history department of one of the great universities once stated: “We have become a nation of cowards.” He argued that many people are reluctant to follow a course if it isn’t popular. This is often true.

Even if deep inside we know something to be right, we often draw back because we are afraid of the consequences. If the odds are in our favor, we will take a stand; but if there

is any risk involved in standing up for what we know to be right, we will play it safe and remain silent.

How different from the early believers in Jesus Christ. They boldly proclaimed the Gospel in the face of hostility, persecution, scorn, and even death. The Apostle Paul knew the key: “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7).

The Apostle Peter acted with cowardice and denied

Jesus the night He was betrayed in Gethsemane. Peter’s heart was anguished and broken. He repented and with God’s help he turned around and boldly proclaimed Christ until the day of his own death.

In one bold stroke, God’s forgiveness obliterates the past and permits us to enter the land of new beginnings. We may never face the same dangers but we must not take the road of cowardice and take the road of fear. “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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AJRP SFPDV MDB FDBXI JLVJ ZDKJ PD
AJ.” — F. RPSTORXSLRNO

Previous Solution: “I think any actor can probably identify with being a professional liar. ... I know a lot of days I do.” — John Cusack

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Wabash County students on Manchester Dean’s List

The release was delayed by circumstances connected to the COVID-19 pandemic

By ANNE GREGORY

A total of 417 students engaged in study at Manchester University are on the spring 2020 Dean’s List. Students earning a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher who have com-

pleted at least 12 semester hours with no more than three hours of pass or not pass grades are included on the Dean’s List. The Dean’s List was delayed by circumstances connected to the COVID-19 pandemic. Wabash County students included on the Dean’s List included: **LAFONTAINE:** India Ulshaffer, political science. **NORTH MANCHESTER:** Ava Barefoot, history and Spanish; Eric Beard, doctoral pharmacy program; Tasha

Brubaker, environmental science and biology; Hailey Cassel, philosophy; Karly Eichenauer, biology-chemistry; Lucas Helton, marketing, Brooklyn Howard, elementary education; mild interventions; Chloe Leckrone, peace studies; Emily Lynn, vocal performance and French; Riley McCafferty, doctoral pharmacy program; Benjamin Nesler, elementary education; Bethany Pegg, psychology; Gage Sheppard, accounting; Hallie Sorg, biology-chemistry; Alyssa

Spann, elementary education: mild interventions; and Nathan Walpole, sports management. **ROANN:** Desiree Blum, biology and Spanish; and Jensen Lassiter, English and history. **WABASH:** Madeline Dazey, social work; Alina Reed, digital media; Amira Siddiqui, history; Kaitlynn Still, marketing; and Marcus Zwiebel, English. *Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.*

Christmas in July to be held at Mississinewa Lake

Smokey Bear’s Birthday will also be celebrated July 25

STAFF REPORT

Camp the weekend or join for the day and celebrate Christmas in July and Smokey Bear’s Birthday on Saturday, July 25 at Mississinewa Lake’s Miami State

Recreation Area, 6701 E. 550 South, Peru, according to Teresa Rody, interpretive naturalist. Donations will be accepted. Property entrance fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle. The event begins with a pancake breakfast served from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Santa will appear from

8:30 a.m. to noon. There will also be a campsite contest sign-up during the breakfast time. There will be a youth archery shoot at 2 p.m.; cornhole registration at 3 p.m.; a cornhole tournament from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; bike and shelter decorating at 6:15 p.m.; the Smokey Bear parade at 6:45 p.m., which begins at campground gate, pa-

rade in the front loop only and the campground roads will be closed from 6:45 to 7:10 p.m.; Smokey Bear party at 7 p.m.; and campsite decorating judging at 8:30 p.m. Campsite decorating awards are set for 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 26. For information, call 260-468-2127 or visit www.camp.IN.gov.

Theft of DNR ORV and trailer is under investigation by DNR

The incident occurred sometime over the weekend in Huntington County

STAFF REPORT

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating the theft of a DNR-owned off-road vehicle (ORV) and trailer that occurred between 4 p.m. on Friday,

July 10, and 9 a.m. Monday, according to Sgt. Patrick Heidenreich of DNR law enforcement. The equipment was being stored in a fenced, secure area behind the property office at J.E. Roush Fish & Wildlife Area, 517 N. Warren Road, Huntington, where employees discovered an open gate, cut lock and the absence of the equipment this morning.

The missing ORV is a green 2000 Polaris Sportsman 500 with Indiana ORV registration OR9994RE and the number 14T9966 displayed on the ORV. The VIN is 4XACH50A5YD424491. The ORV also has a metal DNR tag attached, displaying the number 95608. The missing trailer is a 2000 Schwartz aluminum ORV trailer with license plate 21036. The VIN is

1S9U4701XYN383121. The trailer also has a metal DNR tag attached with the number 95698. Anyone with information on the person or persons responsible for this theft or the location of the equipment should contact ICO Central Dispatch at 812-837-9536 or ICO District 2 Headquarters at 260-244-3720. Information may also be emailed to ICODist2@dnr.IN.gov.

Do Just One Thing

When choosing an eco-friendly candle to burn in your home, it’s always best to look for non-paraffin wax candles

like soy, beeswax and coconut. But the wick itself is important, too. Though metal wicks are less common than they used to be, make sure

your wick is metal-free; you can feel it with your fingers, since the metal can be woven into the wick fibers. Also consider a wick that contains

no cotton. New candles use a strip of wood, which crackles like a real fireplace and doesn’t produce any soot or ash when lit.

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Northeast Indiana Urology joins Parkview Physicians Group – Urology

Providers will maintain privileges, perform procedures at Lutheran, Dupont hospitals

STAFF REPORT

Northeast Indiana Urology, a private practice providing comprehensive urological care, is joining Parkview Physicians Group – Urology, effective Wednesday, July 1, according to Tami Brigle, public relations manager. “The new arrangement will provide opportunities for more cost-effective, quality care through the shared efficiencies of a large practice. With this change, Parkview Physicians Group – Urology will grow to 21 providers with 16 office locations throughout northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio,”

said Brigle. To continue to serve patients throughout the area, the former Northeast Indiana Urology providers will maintain privileges and perform procedures at Lutheran and Dupont hospitals. As part of the change, the Northeast Indiana Urology Prostate Cancer Center will become part of the Parkview Cancer Institute but will continue seeing patients at its existing location. Additionally, the Northeast Indiana Urology offices in Warsaw, Auburn and Van Wert will move in the coming weeks. The new locations are: ■ 1355 Mariners Drive, 3rd floor, Warsaw. ■ 1310 E. 7th St., Suite F, Auburn. ■ 1052 S. Washington St., Van Wert. All other offices will remain at their current locations.

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